



Serial No. 09/677,074

Filed: September 29, 2000

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,289,382 to Bowman-Amuah. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 17, 28 and 29 to overcome the rejections set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicant does not believe that Bowman-Amuah discloses, teaches or suggests the limitations added to the independent claims of the present application. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean E. McConnell  
Attorney Reg. No. 44,916

DEM/dlh

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE  
One Indiana Square, Suite 1600  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Telephone: 317-636-0886  
Facsimile: 317-634-6701